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Dear Mr. Matheis:

Re: Frontier Chemical Superfund Site
4626 Royal Avenue
Niagara Falls, Niagara County, NY

I am responding on behalf of Armstrong World Industries, Inc., ("AWI") to your letter dated May 20, 1993, regarding the above-referenced matter. Further contacts by the EPA regarding this matter should be directed to my attention at the above address.

We are currently investigating our records in an effort to determine our potential involvement with the site. In furtherance of our investigation, we request permission from the EPA to visit the site to inspect the materials identified on the waste in list attached to your letter. Until this investigation is complete and we've had the opportunity to inspect the site, we are unable to commit to the performance or financing of any response activities that EPA may determine to be necessary at the site.

However, we are not rejecting EPA's invitation to participate in negotiations, and without prejudice to AWI's legal positions, we would like the opportunity to continue discussions with the EPA in an effort to equitably resolve potential liability regarding the site. We have also been in contact with other recipients of your letter, and we are interested in the formation of a steering committee to serve as a contact between EPA and the PRPs. In order to facilitate formation of the steering committee, we intend to attend the June 23, 1993, meeting convened by EPA to discuss the formation of a steering committee.

Finally, in an effort to mitigate potential damages, we request an authorization from the EPA to remove the materials which you have attributed to AWI from the site for proper off site treatment and/or disposal.

We look forward to your reply and are hopeful that an equitable resolution of the matter may be reached in a timely manner.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doug S. Brossman".

Douglas S. Brossman
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